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IT HAS PLEASED HIS MAJESTY the KING to appoint the Hon, George W. Macfarlane Noble of the Kingdom Aliiolani Hale, April 25, 1881.

IT HAS PLEASED HIS MAJESTY THE KING to appoint the following gentlemen Nobles of the Kingdom:

Hon, J. S. WALKER, Hon, JOSEPH HENRY S. MARTIN. Aliiolani Hale, April 24, 1884.

Saturday, May 10, 1884.

Editorial Articles.

FROM THE DAILY P. C. A.

A LARGE number of petitions have been presented to the Legislative Assembly and a considerable number of resolutions have been introduced by members, the objects of which are to secure the execution of public works in various parts of the country. Here a road is wanted and there a bridge, elsewhere a wharf, a landing, or a breakwater, at Lihue a hospital and somewhere else a lock-up and Court House. Sometimes ridiculous petition are presented to our Assembly and sometimes resolutions are promovers much credit for common sense, but so far as we have been able public works which have up to the present time been presented to the needed improvements which will not merely be conveniences to individuals (few or many) but will assist in the development of the resources of the districts which ask for them and will therefore be in the best sense of the word re-productive.

As to how far the need for these and other works has been foreseen by the Government, and, if so, in what manner they propose to provide for them, we are as yet in the dark. On the estimates of expenditure for the fiscal period the following items are stores, Mahukona, \$1500; ditto Hilo, \$3,000; kerosene warehouse, \$7,000; lighthouse Barber's Point, \$3,000; new wharves and repairs Honolulu, \$40,000. There were also a few approis crying out for.

countries in periods of deep commer- will result in a better state of things. cial and industrial depression have boldly struck out in a policy of promoting immigration and constructing internal communications by the aid of borrowed money, and have found the speculation an eminently reproductive one. But these countries had large undeveloped resources, and room for many people. Can we, in view of the present prospects of the market for our chief staple say the same of Hawaii? That there is room for much industrial development here. independent of sugar, we firmly believe but it will be slow in growth compared with the way in which that industry has sprung to great proportions. The motto of the day therefore for the Legislature as well as for individuals would appear to be "Go slow."

Justice has been presented to the As- ordinary revenue. The revenue desembly. It contains an account of the rived from leasing those that are left business transacted in the Supreme goes to defray ordinary expenses of and lower Courts of the Kingdom dur- | Government—the lands are in fact an ing the past biennial period with very | endowment of the Government, and it full statistical tables. The latter oc- would be well if they were strictly cupy thirty-one pages and give in de- tied up as such, and rendered inalienatail the number and character of the | ble as the Crown Lands are. These, be suits determined and charges heard it noted, are the lands about which one in all the Courts of the Kingdom with of our contemporaries has discoursed the nature of the decisions given.

The most important parts of the

report are the suggestions offered by points connected with the administra-Courts on the other islands in cases them "to himself, his heirs and sucwhere those Courts have themselves | cessors forever" as "private lands," pounded which do not bring their only dealt with appeals from the Dis- and in the Act of the Legislature by trict Courts, thus giving three trials which his distribution was confirmed of the same case, he recommends that | the words we have quoted are repeat-Courts or to the Supreme Court, but be regulated and disposed of acnot to both. Those who have watched Assembly are for useful and much the working of the present system subject only to the rights of tenants." cannot but support this view of the Justice and, on appeal, in the Intermediary Court, and was then carried before the Supreme Court and a jury, involving costs to the extent, no doubt, dation that the Circuit Court on Maui to the latter course as one which may of the liquor law demands the most | nicate to the House the information it

be safely entered upon if future pro- serious attention of the Government gress can be relied upon. The cru- and the Legislature and we sincerely cial question is-what are the indus- hope that judicious amendments of trial prospects of the country? Other the law will be made and that they

Confusion appears to exist in the minds of a good many people as to the distinction between Crown Lands and Government Lands. When Kamehameha III. in 1848, made over in fee simple, to those who were at the time holding them on a sort of feudal tenure, the major portion of the lands of the Kingdom, he reserved certain estates "as his own private property." These are what are now known as "Crown Lands." At the same time he made a gift of a large number of lands to the people, not to individuals but to the nation as a whole. These are the Government Lands-such of them as remain we ought to say, for through what will, we think, be ever hereafter characterized as an error of policy some of the most valuable of them have been sold and the proceeds THE report of His Honor the Chief passed into the treasury and spent as learnedly under the delusion that he was talking about Crown Lands. \*

The Crown Lands are in a different the Chief Justice in regard to several category. They are that portion of his estate which Kamehameha reserved tion of the Department. Referring to as his own private property. In the frequent appeals from the Interme- solemn deed by which he made his diary Court of Oahu and the Circuit | memorable distribution he reserved to ascertain all the proposals for local appeal should be allowed either to these ed with the addition that "said lands cording to his royal will and pleasure

The words "heirs and successors" in Chief Justice. To quote one case out the documents referred to are puzof a hundred we might refer to a suit zling. Is a King elected by the Legabout the ownership of a pig which islature, in accordance with the Conwas not worth many dollars which stitution, heir to these lands? This was hotly contested before the Police point might have caused an infinite amount of litigation, but it has happily been settled. We need not repeat the history of the matter. King Kalakaua now holds these lands as "sucof several hundred dollars. His cessor" to the throne, and the heirs of Honor renews his former recommen- the Kamehamehas have given up any claim they might have had for certain be held in future at Wailuku instead | considerations. During a former reign mentioned: - Custom House and of Lahaina. The present arrangement | the Legislature when making certain is undoubtedly both inconvenient provisions for paying the King's debts and expensive to far more than half | declared these lands to be inalienable building and repairs of Court-houses of the population of Maui. A new and the sovereign assented to the Act. and lock-ups, \$10,000; completion of Court House at Waimea is recom- It was a wise and prudent thing mended. On this subject His Honor to do, but it was a surrender of conremarks that "creditable surroundings | trol, over what was absolutely pritend to make the Courts of Justice | vate property at the time, which priations for repairs to Government | more respected, and are aids to good | naturally encourages the Legislature buildings and other works. , Since it government." In conjunction with to believe that it has certain rights in is evident that the greatly increased the Associate Justices he urges that regard to the administration of the internal traffic of the country which the laws on the subject of Divorce be Crown Lands. The Legislature of tohas necessarily accompanied its in- made more strict, believing "that this day has acted on these assumed rights dustrial progress renders it most de- will tend to strengthen the sacredness and has passed a resolution requiring sirable, if not absolutely necessary of the marriage state." The Statute the Commissioners who administer that new and enlarged facilities of Descent the Chief Justice considers the Crown Lands to report within a should be provided for, it is evident should be enlarged to include the certain time what the annual income that a large sum of money is needed "next of kin" when the heirs enu- from them may be. What the rights in addition to that for which the or- merated in the statute fail. It is very and powers of the Legislature may be dinary revenue of the country is able strange that the statute is in the con- in this matter, it is not for laymen to to provide. It is possible that some dition to need this amendment. His define. We fancy few more puzzling retrenchments in other things may be Honor asks for a shorthand writer to questions could be put before our made but these will not go very far be provided for the Courts, also an ap- Judges. But under any circumstances in the way of providing for the public | propriation for reprinting that much | we think the Legislature has gone the works which every part of the country | sought for book Vol. I. of the Hawaii- | wrong way about its work. The an Reports. The subject of drunken- | Crown Land Commissioners are but There are two ways of dealing with | ness is impressively dealt with in the | the King's stewards and are not the this question-to do without these Report. His Honor suggests further proper parties to whom a request for public works or to run into debt for restrictive measures, the nature of the information desired ought to have them. The example of other countries | some of which he indicates. The fact | been addressed. An address to His in the same stage of infant develop- of the very large increase in convic- Majesty praying that he will comment that Hawaii has reached points | tions for drunkenness and for breaches | mand the Commissioners to commu-